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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Vietnamese Refugees

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1. This memorandum is a status report on EA Division's efforts to assist Vietnamese refugees who have written to you. It has been prepared in response to your request.

2. The Division has encountered two basic problems in attempting to take action to help the Vietnamese who wrote to you.

a. We experienced considerable difficulty in locating most of the correspondents primarily because the locator system established by the Special Interagency Task Force (SITF) has proven unsatisfactory. Apparently, the computerized locator is improperly programmed for in a recent test we received less than 40% hits on names of individuals whom we knew to be in the system. We also pressed the search for your correspondents through [redacted] the relocation centers but these efforts have not been notably successful either.

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b. There is a problem in determining when and how to intervene in the refugee resettlement system to assist. In some cases the individuals who have written to you have written to numerous other former contacts seeking sponsorship. Thus there is a possibility that the refugee's problems already have been solved by others. Furthermore, the SITF is locating sponsors and jobs for large numbers of Vietnamese and it is likely that many of the individuals who wrote to you already have been cared for through SITF channels.

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3. We are continuing to work on the problems of locating the Vietnamese who wrote to you and determining their status and if they still need help. Once this information is obtained, we expect to be able to arrange, through [] for those Vietnamese who still need assistance to be given appropriate job counseling and help in obtaining a sponsor.

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4. In order to speed up the handling of the Vietnamese refugees who write to you, future cases will be processed as follows:

a. When you receive a letter requesting assistance and forward it to EA Division for action, we will within two days submit a response for your signature advising the refugee of our faith in the SITF system but at the same time giving him an [] address to write to in the event his difficulties are not resolved through normal refugee assistance programs.

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c. We will monitor the individual's progress through SITF processing and if after three months the system has not been able to move the individual out of the camp or to place him, then the Division will undertake, through [] to locate a sponsor or employment at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 per case.

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This should not be automatic

5. When you forward future letters to EA Division for action, it would be helpful if you would indicate whether you do or do not wish action taken within the framework indicated above.

6. The following information pertains to those letters thus far sent to EA Division for action:

a. [] Directorate, counterpart of MAC/SOG. [] wrote to you and also had a representative of the Catholic Conference call your office. As noted in an earlier report to you on this case we passed the information along to the Special Forces "old boy" net. Later, when

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we phoned the Catholic Conference representative at Camp Pendleton to check on [] we learned that he had been sponsored and was no longer at the refugee center.

b. [] whom you knew as []
[] ARVN [] and more

[] wrote to you from Camp Pendleton to ask if you knew of [] whereabouts. Apparently, [] did not escape from South Vietnam, and a letter was sent to [] telling him that a check of the refugee camps had turned up no trace of his father.

c. [] wrote to inform you that he and his family arrived safely in the U.S. and were living in Sacramento, California. You asked that we try to provide him a lead to a suitable job. We have passed his name to [] for assistance within the framework of paragraph 5 above. We are submitting a draft letter for you to send to him in the interim.

d. []

e. [] jointly wrote you to advise that they and their families had arrived safely at Eglin AFB. We arranged for our representative [] to contact them, tell them you had received their letter and to persevere through the resettlement system. Both officers had been

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currently checking to determine if they are still at Eglin AFB. If they have not been resettled, we will arrange for [] to refer them to a placement service.

f. [] wrote to you from Paris that he and his immediate family had escaped, but had lost his financial resources and property. Under current immigration guidelines, Than is not qualified for access to the U.S. as a parolee. We have prepared a letter for your signature expressing your pleasure that he escaped safely and your regret that you are unable to offer him employment in the CIA.

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25X1 g. [] wrote from Fort Chaffee and asked for any assistance you could offer him in getting rehabilitated in the U.S. A short time later he left the refugee center under the sponsorship of []
[] reportedly is now working for the []
25X1 [] We drafted and you signed a letter
25X1 wishing [] well in his new job, but []
STAT at Fort Chaffee has reported that [] would still like to
25X1 have a letter of recommendation. We will prepare one for your consideration.

25X1 h. [] who served in the Office of the
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25X1 if you could help him and his eight dependents/relatives.
25X1 We believe [] is still at Camp Pendleton and our representative there has been asked to determine his whereabouts and prospects. If it is determined that he still needs help, we
25X1 will include him in [] placement program. In the meantime we are submitting a response to his letter for your signature.

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STAT you asking for assistance in getting his wife, six children, brother and wife settled in the U.S. He and his family were located in Fort Chaffee and []
STAT [] is currently trying to ascertain [] situation. We are preparing a letter for your signature expressing your pleasure at his safe escape and suggesting that []
STAT [] maintain contact with him.
25X1 We will include him on the list of those whom [] will try to assist.

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wrote to you from Fort Chaffee, asking for a job with the Agency. We have drafted a reply for your signature expressing your pleasure at his safe escape and best wishes for the future, but regretting that CIA has no appropriate jobs to offer at this time.

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[REDACTED]

sought assistance from his former counterpart, Col Robert Channon, and from the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, but also wrote to you asking for help. We have drafted for your signature an interim reply indicating your pleasure at his escape, your hope that he will be settled soon and your promise that if you are able to arrange something for him he will be contacted in the near future. His name is included in the [REDACTED] placement program.

[REDACTED]

for lack of access. With six dependents, he is seeking sponsorship and a job with the Agency in any position offered to him. A draft letter has been prepared for your signature expressing appropriate sentiments and noting that, while the Agency does not have anything appropriate for him at this time, we are trying to find some other way to help him. His name is included in the [REDACTED] placement program.

m. [REDACTED] son-in-law [REDACTED] formerly [REDACTED] was mentioned in a letter from Mr. Ed (Korn-) Patterson. Mr. Patterson stated that [REDACTED] wished to ask [REDACTED] to sponsor him. We informed [REDACTED] desire but [REDACTED] already has sponsored other refugees and has no more room in his home. [REDACTED] planned to contact [REDACTED] to advise him of this. We drafted a letter for you to send to Mr. Patterson noting the practice of the Agency was to allow the regular refugee processing to take its course, particularly in those cases where we did not have a special interest.

n. [REDACTED] was called to your attention by a member of the Intelligence Community Staff. He got out of the refugee processing system at Fort Chaffee and went to Canada. He now wants to come to the United States. We have checked with the Department of State and have been

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informed that the chances that [] can return to the United States are very small. A representative of EA Division will [] contact [] express our sympathy and present him with [] to assist his resettlement.

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Theodore G. Shackley
Chief, East Asia Division

cc: DDCI

And let me know
how he is faring—
give him an address
to write me if he
has further problems—
offer a letter of
recommendation—

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

Vietnamese Refugees

FROM:

Chief, East Asia Division

EXTENSION

NO.

DATE

30 JUN 1975

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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Routing Slip

Executive Registry

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5	DDI			15	AO/DCI		
6	DDM&S			16	Ex/Sec		
7	DDO			17			
8	D/DCI/IC			18	✓ EA ✓		
9	D/DCI/NIO			19			
10	GC			20			

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Remarks:

Could you recap for me the various requests I've received for aid to VN refugees & what we have done about them? -

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